



A RESOLUTION

BY COUNCILMEMBER FELICIA MOORE

AS AMENDED BY FULL COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION URGING THE FULTON COUNTY COMMISSION AND THE FULTON COUNTY TAX COMMISSIONER TO TERMINATE THE PRACTICE OF SELLING TAX LIENS AGAINST OWNER-OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES TO THIRD PARTIES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 48-3-19 authorizes the purchase of delinquent ad valorem tax liens

by third parties and further provides that said third parties may charge the owner of the property, the amount paid for the tax lien as well as interest thereon in an amount not to exceed 12 percent per annum plus other costs incurred for the release or satisfaction of said lien; and

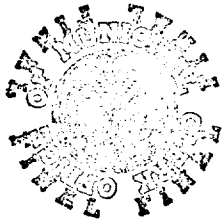
WHEREAS, if the homeowner fails to pay the amount required by the purchaser of the lien, the lien purchaser may request that the property be sold at a tax sale; and

WHEREAS, homeowners are raising many complaints of abuse by the lien purchasers pursuant to this process, including but not limited to harassment, charging extremely high interest rates and the inability to contact some lien purchasers; and

WHEREAS, elderly residents are particularly vulnerable to these unscrupulous and abusive practices; and

WHEREAS, on January 8, 2002, the DeKalb County Commission, at the urging of DeKalb Tax Commissioner Tom Scott, passed a resolution to end the practice of selling tax liens against owner-occupied residential properties; and

WHEREAS, the Council and Mayor of the City of Atlanta would request the Fulton County Commission and Tax Commissioner to do the same.



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA HEREBY  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

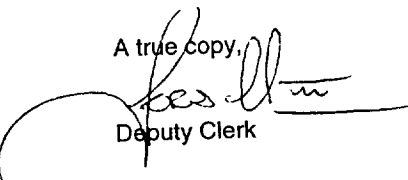
The Fulton County Commission and the Fulton County Tax Commissioner are hereby urged to terminate the practice of selling tax liens against owner-occupied residential properties to third party lien purchasers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it is not intended for the foregoing request to apply to delinquent commercial or residential rental properties.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Fulton County Commission and the Fulton County Tax Commissioner are hereby urged not to sell or transfer any tax liens to individuals or entities who own tax delinquent property located within the City of Atlanta in Fulton County.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Municipal Clerk is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this Resolution to each member of the Fulton County Commission and to Dr Arthur Ferdinand, the Fulton County Tax Commissioner.

A true copy.

  
Deputy Clerk

ADOPTED as amended by the Council  
RETURNED WITHOUT SIGNATURE OF THE MAYOR  
APPROVED as per City Charter Section 2-403

JULY 15, 2002

JULY 24, 2002

RCS# 3893  
7/15/02  
5:12 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT I

Pgs. 1-11; EXCEPT 02-R-1278

ADOPT

YEAS: 13  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 3  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	NV Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	NV Boazman	NV Woolard

1 <sup>st</sup> Consent I Vote:	15 Yeas; 0 Nays	(See RCS #3874)
Reconsidered	11 Yeas; 0 Nays	(See RCS #3892)

CONSENT I

		07/15/02 Council Meeting
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT AGENDA	ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT AGENDA	ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT AGENDA
1. 02-O-1255	34. 02-R-1229	52. 02-R-1197
2. 02-O-1256	35. 02-R-1230	53. 02-R-1198
3. 02-O-1262	36. 02-R-1231	55. 02-R-1199
4. 02-O-0969	37. 02-R-1252	56. 02-R-1200
5. 02-O-1149	38. 02-R-1183	57. 02-R-1201
6. 02-O-1100	39. 02-R-1184	58. 02-R-1202
7. 02-O-1175	40. 02-R-1185	59. 02-R-1203
8. 02-O-1105	41. 02-R-1186	60. 02-R-1204
9. 02-O-1109	42. 02-R-1187	61. 02-R-1205
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12. 02-O-1112	45. 02-R-1190	64. 02-R-1208
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14. 02-O-1114	47. 02-R-1192	66. 02-R-1210
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19. 02-R-0363		
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25. 02-R-1276		
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ADOPTED BY

JUL 15 2002

COUNCIL

AS AMENDED

- ☐ CONSENT REFER
- ☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
- ☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
- ☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER
- ☒ PERSONAL PAPER REFER

Date Referred 2/18/02

Referred To: Finance / Executive

Date Referred

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First Reading

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 2/27/02  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Members \_\_\_\_\_  
Refer To \_\_\_\_\_

Committee \_\_\_\_\_  
Date 7/10/02  
Chair \_\_\_\_\_  
Action: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fav, Adv, Hold (see rev. side) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
Members \_\_\_\_\_  
Refer To \_\_\_\_\_

FINAL COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd ☐ 3rd  
Readings  
☒ Consent ☐ V Vote ☒ RC Vote

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JUL 15 2002  
ATLANTA CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
Catherine M. Wardlaw

CERTIFIED  
JUL 15 2002  
Municipal Clerk  
Shirley D. Johnson

MAYOR'S ACTION

APPROVED

JUL 24 2002  
WITHOUT SIGNATURE  
BY OPERATION OF LAW